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## Work and Workers.

THE Germans, who but a few years ago were expressing their envy of the rapidity with which English and American scholars were popularizing the results of the best of modern biblical investigations, have themselves learned this art in a manner in which they in turn can furnish a model for the English-speaking theological world. They are entitled to the envy of others for having such modern translations of the Scriptures as Kautzsch's Old Testament and Weizsäcker's New Testament, in which in a nutshell the best results of special investigations are offered to the general Bible student. To make this all the more available, the house of Mohr, at Freiburg, is bringing out a minor edition of these translations, with all the critical paraphernalia omitted, and at a nominal price, furnishing the people at large a really modern version of the Scriptures, written about as it would have been penned if the apostles, prophets, and evangelists had thought their thoughts and penned their words in the nineteenth century instead of the two thousand and more years ago. With this popular edition, and the Nestle critical edition of the New Testament text to be had for twenty-five cents, the Germans offer students the popular means of a close study of the Word not at the disposal of the general Bible reader anywhere else. And to make matters even better, Professor Luthardt, the veteran protagonist of conservative theology in Leipzig, has made use of his leisure, since he has discontinued his lectures, to prepare an entirely new and modern translation of the four gospels, with brief notes, which, from the standpoint of the more conservative school, gives compactly the results of gospel research. It is published in four little volumes by Dörffling & Francke, of Leipzig.

It is almost impossible to keep account of the extraordinary developments in popular Bible study. Reports from all portions of the country indicate an almost epochal movement in the interest of a better study of the Bible. Among the more important instances which have recently come to our attention is the change in the policy of the *Little Pilgrim*, a child's paper published by the Pilgrim Press (Congregational) for the youngest members of the Sunday school. It will

hereafter be a Bible-story paper. The Evangelical Lutheran church has been working for several years toward a graded curriculum for its Sunday schools not unlike that recently published in the BIBLICAL WORLD. From the Bedford branch of the Brooklyn Y. M. C. A. comes a series of pamphlets dealing with Bible study for boys, as well as a prospectus for another Bible school, and the syllabus upon "The Child and the Bible," elsewhere noticed in this journal. The Episcopalian body of New York is already engaged in an aggressive reform of its lay teaching. There is also a proposition well in hand for holding a pan-American Bible-study congress in Buffalo, July-August, 1901, at the time of the Pan-American Exposition. All these are but a few of many indications looking toward a universal revival in Bible study which shall break away from the artificial and deadening methods of the past. It is to be hoped that those who have in charge the International Lessons will judge it wise to follow, if they cannot lead, in this great movement.

A BIBLE college is to be held at Montclair, N. J., January to June, 1901. The principal of the college is W. W. White, Ph.D., who will himself give continuous courses during the sessions of the college upon the Old Testament, the New Testament, the Acts, and the early epistles of Paul; a course on prayer, a course on the Holy Spirit. Other special lectures will be given by Professor Ira M. Price, Ph.D.; Rev. W. M. McPheeters, D.D.; Professor Robert W. Rogers, Ph.D., D.D.; Rev. Henry G. Weston, D.D.; Professor William G. Ballantine, D.D.; Professor Edward I. Bosworth; Professor Marcus Dods, D.D.; Rev. Daniel S. Gregory, D.D., LL.D.; Professor Melancthon W. Jacobus, D.D.; Mr. Robert E. Speer; Rev. Harlan P. Beach; Mr. J. Campbell White. The expense for the entire twenty weeks is \$30, exclusive of board.

THE Morning Star Publishing House, Boston, publishes a little book by Professor A. W. Anthony, of Cobb Divinity School, entitled *The Sunday School: Its Progress in Method and Scope*. This little tract has in it a large amount of condensed common-sense, which every teacher in the Sunday school should read. It is not concerned primarily with what seems to be a vital question—namely, the method of teaching the Bible—but deals with the matter in a broader way. It would be a good thing if Sunday-school superintendents would distribute it among their teachers.